

# Summer Term 2014 Senior Designated Person Network Meetings

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

*Council Chambers, Runcorn Town Hall, Runcorn*

&

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014**

*Box 9, Select Security Stadium, Widnes*

# Housekeeping



# Agenda

**3.30pm – 5pm**

- 1. Kristy Messham, Childline**
- 2. Information Briefing**
- 3. AOB**

# Information Briefing

## ChildLine Schools Service



The ChildLine Schools Service are visiting primary schools

[Book an appointment](#) ▶



This free of charge service is now booking in schools across this area. Please click on 'Book an appointment' above and add your details. Your ChildLine Area Coordinator will then get in touch to arrange a meeting with the headteacher or school representative to explain more about our service and to arrange visit dates.

### What is ChildLine Schools Service?

All children have the right to be happy and safe, but many suffer abuse in silence, unable to speak out. [The ChildLine Schools Service](#) helps children to understand abuse, know how to protect themselves, and where to get help and support if needed.

The ChildLine Schools Service focuses on primary school children, aged 9 - 11 years old. It is delivered in two parts:

### Assembly

An assembly delivered in an age appropriate way, covering the definitions of abuse, places to go to for help and an introduction to ChildLine.

### Follow-up workshop

The assembly is followed by a workshop one to two weeks later. This interactive classroom-based workshop reinforces the key messages given in the assembly.

### Benefits

The Schools Service programme can be especially important in creating a safe space for children to discuss their understanding of what can be complex, difficult and sensitive issues.

*One head teacher said 'The content and style of the workshops was fun, varied and age appropriate. The children were all able to join in and answer questions regardless of their ability or emotional development and the materials were sensitively used without being graphic.'*

The many benefits for schools include the links that the Schools Service programme makes to the PSHE and Citizenship curriculum and to the ethos of safeguarding within the school. The Schools Service also provides evidence for schools in relation to aspects of the OFSTED inspection framework 2012.

### Next steps

Please click on the box above to book an appointment and we will be in touch.

For any further information please contact your local ChildLine Area Coordinator, Kristy Messham, who covers Cheshire East, Cheshire West & Chester, Warrington & Halton on **07961 246 144** or email [kmessham@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:kmessham@nspcc.org.uk).

# Information Briefing

## Operation Encompass

- Operation Encompass has now gone live in the Widnes area
- There have been a few teething problems, but on the whole the system is working well to support children and young people
- Roll out is currently planned for January 2015, with the training programme for Runcorn schools beginning after the October half term.

[www.operationencompass.org](http://www.operationencompass.org)

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Supporting Children through Key Adults

[www.halton.gov.uk](http://www.halton.gov.uk)

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# Information Briefing

## Keeping Children Safe in Education 2014

- In April 2014, the DfE updated the statutory guidance on safeguarding. This new guidance replaces the following previous documentation:
  - *Safeguarding Children and Safer Recruitment in Education (2006)*
  - *Dealing with allegations of abuse against teachers and other staff: Guidance for local authorities, head teachers, school staff, governing bodies and proprietors of independent schools (2012)*and sits alongside Working Together 2013
- Schools should ensure that all policies and procedures should be updated in line with this new statutory guidance
- All references to previous documents must be removed

# Information Briefing

## Learning from Serious Case Reviews

### Coventry, Bradford and East Sussex Action Plan

- Action plan sent out to schools on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2014
- Purpose is to allow schools to consider the recommendations and ensure that they are satisfied there are no areas to address
- No requirement to submit the completed action plan
- Only request is that schools confirm via email when the action plan was undertaken and that a copy is kept in school



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IT/TeamDocumen](http://hbc/teams/IT/TeamDocumen)

# Information Briefing

## New members of staff

Within the Safeguarding Unit there are now some new members of staff:

- **Janice Kirkham**  
Independent Conference and Reviewing Manager
- **Mandy Philp**  
Independent Conference and Reviewing Manager
- **Jeanette Cain**  
Manager of the SCIE service (Halton and CWAC)



# Information Briefing

## SCIE Website

- Halton Safeguarding Children Board website now has a Safeguarding Children in Education section
- The SCIE pages will be updated on a regular basis with useful information, links and documents
- SCIE pages can be accessed using this link: <http://haltonsafeguarding.co.uk/index.php/safeguarding-in-education/> or by visiting the main page, hovering over the “Professionals” tab and then clicking on “Safeguarding Children in Education”

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## i-HOP service

- Around 200,000 children every year have a parent in prison in England and Wales
- In 2013 Barnardo's and POPS (Partners of Prisoners and Families Support Group), funded by the Department for Education, joined together to develop i-HOP, with the aim to:
  - improve support provided to children in offenders' families,
  - improve integrated working across agencies supporting children in offenders' families, and
  - increase awareness and knowledge of the issues impacting on children in offenders' families

[www.i-hop.org.uk](http://www.i-hop.org.uk)

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## Hidden Harm toolkit for practitioners

- Halton Integrated Youth Support and Young Addaction, have developed a new video on Hidden Harm, to look at the effects of parental substance misuse and/or mental health issues on children and young people
- The video “Invisible Scars” comes accompanied by a lesson plan and power point to enable organisation’s to provide in house training to staff and managers
- The toolkit is designed to support practitioners in their work with families where parents misuse drugs or have mental health problems and there are concerns about the children’s welfare

[Halton Childrens Trust - Hidden Harm young peoples video](#)

# Information Briefing

## Vulnerable Groups - Young Carers

- Young Carers, plus their support workers Sarah and Rosanna, presented the Roadshow to the Primary Heads meeting this term
- The Roadshow aims to inform professionals and children about the needs of Young Carers and how to identify and support them
- This Young Carers Roadshow is now available for all professionals and children in Halton
- Contact Sarah or Rosanna to arrange on 01928 580182 or [rosanna.burnley@haltoncarers.co.uk](mailto:rosanna.burnley@haltoncarers.co.uk) or [sarah.warren@haltoncarers.co.uk](mailto:sarah.warren@haltoncarers.co.uk)

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## Vulnerable Groups - Private Fostering

### What is your role?

- All professionals have a shared responsibility to work together to ensure that all privately fostered children are well cared for and safeguarded from harm

### What should you be doing?

- **Detecting** – identifying potential Private Fostering arrangements
- **Promoting** – posters and leaflets visible around school and in reception areas
- **Advising** – when identified, professionals should advise and encourage families that they need to inform CSC of the arrangement themselves
- **Referring** – professionals should contact CSC and provide as much information as possible about the placement if a family is not willing to do so themselves

# Information Briefing

## Training Update

### Halton Safeguarding Children Board Training

- **Working Together to Safeguard Children**  
29th and 30th September 2014, The Foundry, Widnes  
24th and 25th November 2014, Stadium, Widnes  
26th and 27th January 2015, The Foundry, Widnes
- **Working Together Refresher Training**  
20th October 2014, The Foundry, Widnes  
8th December 2014, Stadium, Widnes  
9th February 2015, The Foundry, Widnes
- **Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Basic Awareness Training**  
17<sup>th</sup> July 2014, The Foundry, Widnes♦♦  
*♦♦ Essential for all High Schools and schools with KS3 & KS4 students. Recommended for Primary Schools*

### HBC Safeguarding Training

- **School specific training calendar will be available at the start of the Autumn Term** – will include SDP/DDP Roles & Responsibilities, Designated Governor training, Basic Awareness for new staff & Safer Recruitment/Refresher
- **Neglect Strategy Launch** - 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> July 2014, 9am – 1pm, Stadium, Widnes
- **Child in Care Review Process training** - 18<sup>th</sup> September 2014 and 21<sup>st</sup> January 2015
- **Early Help & CAF Training** - 25<sup>th</sup> November 2014, Brookvale Children's Centre or by arrangement with the IWST teams

# Information Briefing

## New Literature / Resources

- 1. CPS Schools Project – homophobic and transphobic bullying and hate crime** (May 2014)  
[CPS Schools Project](#)  
[CPS Press Release](#)
- 2. Childnet STAR SEN Toolkit** (June 2014) [Childnet STAR Toolkit](#)
- 3. NSPCC & Mencap – new version of the Underwear Rule** (June 2014)  
[Underwear Rule for children with Learning Disabilities](#)
- 4. NSPCC - learning from SCRs involving first generation immigrants, asylum seekers and refugees** (June 2014)  
[At a glance briefing immigrants, asylum seekers and refugees](#)
- 5. NSPCC – learning from Serious Case Reviews involving culture and faith** (June 2014)  
[At a glance briefing culture and faith](#)
- 6. Internet Matters website** (May 2014) [Internet Matters](#)
- 7. Barnardos “Wud U?” app** (April 2014)  
[Download the Wud U? app](#)  
[Barnardos Wud U? press release](#)
- 8. Disclosure & Barring Service**
  - DBS News – March Newsletter** [March newsletter](#)
  - DBC News – April Newsletter** [April newsletter](#)
  - DBS News – May Newsletter** [May newsletter](#)

# Any Other Business

## AOB

- CIC Education Reports
- CSC restructure
- Children subject to CPP with poor attendance